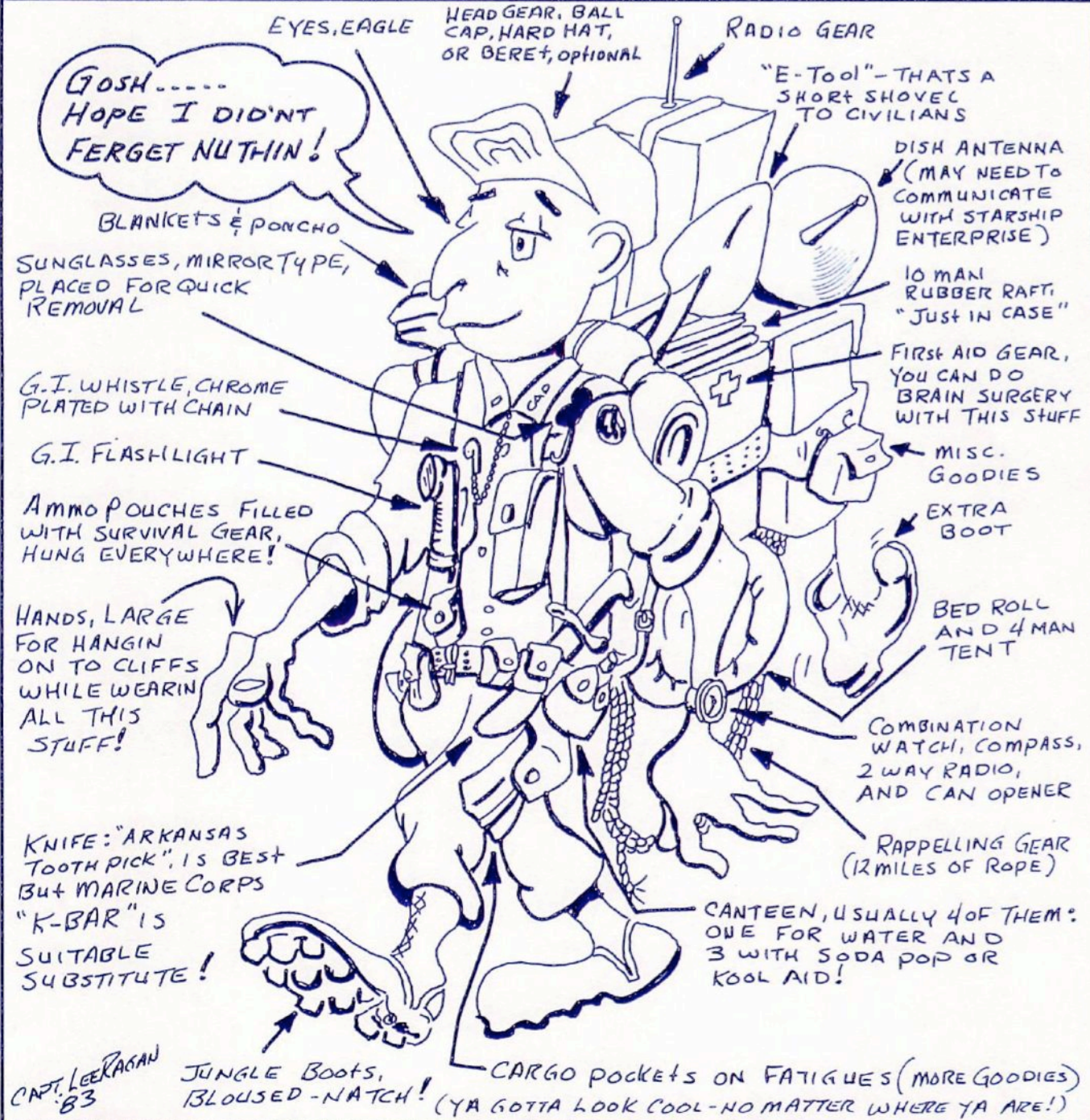


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HOW 'BOUT THOSE GROUND TEAMS? BLESS EM- THEY HAVE THE DIRTY JOB. C.A.P. "GRAVEL CRUNCHERS" ARE A HARDY BUNCH AND THEY USUALLY CARRY ENOUGH GEAR FOR AN EXTENDED STAY ON THE MOON!



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EDITORIAL

With this our twelfth consecutive monthly issue of the newsletter it would seem appropriate to review its purpose. As originally conceived, it is the intent of this publication to be the medium by which members of the National Historical Committee are kept abreast of the activities of its members and external occurrence which may influence their historical activities. It is by no means intended to be an official CAP publication, in fact to insure any misunderstanding on this point, I would like to point out that it is printed and mailed at my personal expense with some help from an understanding employer and business colleagues. With the exception of four courtesy copies, it is distributed only to committee members.

It is my fervent hope that over the past year it has fulfilled its stated objective and that at times has provided needed information and a chuckle or two.

Les

ABOUT THE COVER

If we can't laugh at ourselves we're in trouble. In this vein this month's cover is a tongue in cheek tribute to all of those hard working members of ground teams through CAP. As usual, Lee did an outstanding job.

PUBLISH OR PERISH

Finally! Printing is finished on all 44 pages of Monograph 2, "Air Medals" which is a study of Air Medals awarded to Civil Air Patrol Members. Obviously I think of it as a definitive work on the subject and suggest review by all. As with other Monographs it is available at the Bookstore for \$3.00. Reasons for not distributing on a "for free" basis are as stated last month.

Recently received thirteen outstanding uniform drawings and descriptions from Lee for inclusion in a Monograph dedicated to a survey of CAP uniforms. Exact publication format is still being negotiated with the Bookstore with the deciding factor between a bound 8½" X 11" Monograph or a folio of framable prints being profitability. Whichever way it goes, it is an outstanding bit of work from one who works long and hard for the cause.

Thanks to help from Lee and Allan the writing of Historical Notes in the "News" has become less of a chore. Between the two of them, they

have provided me with seven manuscripts on some very interesting subjects, such as Allan's February Cadet Cap Insignia.

RECORDS ACCUMULATION

For the most part this activity has been principally centered around organization and copying of material on hand in preparation for delivery to Simpson and Headquarters. Incidentally, "Simpson" is no longer officially called the Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center in that it has been redesignated as the Air Force Historical Research Center.

MECHANIZATION PROJECTS

At latest report, Louisa's Command Study is progressing well. In fact, its doing so well she is about to run out of material to feed her "electronic monster". Attached is an updated list of her minute file. Take a look and see what you have to offer including any orders appointing Wing Commanders and above. Thanks primarily to Len my copies of obsolete CAP Regulations 0-2 and 0-9 have doubled as can be seen on the attached checklist. Again, an appeal for any missing or unlisted items.

On March 21, 1984 I took the opportunity to attend a seminar at the University of Texas in Austin sponsored by the Society of American Archivists. Presented by Richard Kesner of the F X Faxon Company the Seminar was appropriately titled "Using Microcomputers in Archives, Record Centers and Special Library Collections". A truly worthwhile program, the details of which I will willingly share with anyone making a request for a copy of the text material.

PLANNING FOR NATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

With a scant four months between now and the National Board Meeting in Atlanta August 2-5, it is certainly not too early to begin preparation for our History Seminar. Most important element in our planning should be for each of us planning to attend. I am aware that because of conflicts and/or economics all may not be able to do so. Where you have an option our attendance is vital and will prove mutually beneficial. As in the past, we need to do some missionary work to gain converts to our program. In the past, the quality of the programs we have conducted have done much in this area. Attached is a tentative agenda. In some cases I have contacted the individual to confirm their participation. In some cases, I have not. If you fall in the latter bunch, apologies for the surprise and consider this as your invitation. Your early advice as to both attendance and presentation will be sincerely appreciated as will be your suggestions for additional topics and/or format.

For those of you wondering who Dr. Kenneth Ragsdale is, a bit of explanation is in order. Ken is a published book writer from Austin, Texas whose latest book "Wings over the Border" should be ready for our meeting. Basically a story of aviation in the Texas-Mexican Border Area the book is not specifically dedicated to Civil Air Patrol's Operations in that area. It does, however, due to a con-

siderable amount of urging and support contain a significant chapter on World War II Liason Patrol Operations. Having met with Ken on one occasion and corresponded with him for about a year I look upon his attendance as one of the high points of our Seminar.

Please also note that the Miller referred to is G. Jude Miller of Lafayette, Louisiana who has been of great assistance to the preparation of Duck Club and Air Medal Monographs.

RECENT DISCOVERIES

Attached is a copy of material contained in the April 1983 "Tel-News" from New Jersey Bell. Although the story is very superficial the painting is great in spite of the perennial problem of an improperly marked aircraft. The painter, Kieth Ferris, is the outstanding aircraft illustrator who has produced many fantastic pictures including the B-17 mural at the National Air and Space Museum. It's existence was called to my attention by H. J. Shonenberg, Grunman's Historian, during his attempt to verify the incident and the aircraft number. Research reveals that the aircraft was actually NC28674 and is still in use in Alaska as N199T. As for the incident, it happened, but as was the case in our two reported sinkings, official credit was not awarded by the Navy.

GOALS

See usual attached goals report.

Les
April 1984

DISTRIBUTION:
Members NHC
Selected Individuals

STATUS REPORT ON CIVIL AIR PATROL NATIONAL HISTORICAL
COMMITTEE GOALS

AS OF: 4/2/84 FOR ITEMS
DUE: 5/1/84

GOAL NR	SPEC. SOL.	OBJ.	ASSIGNED	STATUS
NR	DATE	TO		
ADMINISTRATIVE				
4	2	3/1/84	Hopper	Delayed
5	2	3/1/84	Hopper	Delayed
RECORD ACCUMULATION				
5	17a	1/1/84	Ostling	Unknown
5	20c	4/1/84	Hopper	No Progress
5	21a	1/1/84	Hopper	No Progress
7	1	4/1/84	Blascovich	In Progress
ARCHIVES				
2	3	4/1/84	Hopper	Delayed by Transportation
PUBLICATIONS				
2	1	4/1/84	Blascovich	Unknown
3	3	4/1/84	Hopper	Complete 3/15/84
ORAL HISTORY				
1	6	4/1/84	Hopper	Delayed
2	5	4/1/84	Hopper	Delayed
3	1	1/1/84	Hopper	Delayed
3	2	4/1/84	Hopper	Delayed
4	1	1/1/84	Hopper	a & b Complete c'd,e In Progress
PICTORIAL HISTORY				
1	1	4/1/84	Hopper	In Progress
2	1	1/1/84	Hopper	In Progress

Minutes (& Agendas) - Civil Air Patrol Board, National Executive Committee

Hopper Morse Blascovich

Wing Commanders' Conf. 14 May 46, Minutes

NB 21 May 47, Minutes

CAP Board 3-4 Sep 47, Minutes

CAP Board 21-23 Oct 47, Minutes

CAP Board 16-17 Feb 48, Minutes

CAP Board 21 Mar 48, Minutes

Wing Commanders' Conf. 28 May 48, Minutes

NB 17-18 Aug 48, Minutes

NB 12-13 Oct 48, Minutes

NB 13-14 Jan 49, Minutes

NB 12 Mar 49, Minutes

NB 9 May 49, Minutes

NB 10-12 May 49, Minutes

NB 9 Sep 49, Minutes

NB 27 Oct 49, Minutes

NB 7-8 Dec 49, Minutes

NB 21-22 Mar 50, Minutes

NB 22 May 50, Agenda & Minutes

NB 23-25 May 50, Minutes

NB 2-3 Oct 50, Minutes

NB 24 Oct 50, Minutes

NB 15-17 Jan 51, Minutes

NB 28-30 Mar 51, Minutes

NB 6-9 Jun 51, Minutes

NB 7-9 Jun 51, Minutes

NB 27-29 Sep 51, Minutes

NB 15-17 Jan 52, Minutes

NB 12 May 52, Minutes

NB 13-14 May 52, Minutes

NB 28-29 Aug 52, Minutes

NB 4-5 Dec 52, Minutes

NB 13-14 Mar 53, Agenda only. NEB met in

Washington for briefing with Secretary of the Air Force. No minutes were

kept.

X

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NB 4 Jun 53, Minutes

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NB 5-6 Jun 53, Minutes

X

X

NB 12-13 Sep 53, Minutes and Agenda

X

X

NB 11-12 Dec 53, Agenda only

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X

NB 26-27 Mar 54, Minutes

X

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NB 3 May 54, Minutes

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X

NB 4-5 May 54, Minutes

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NB 13-14 Sep 54, Minutes

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X

NB 24-26 Jan 55, Minutes

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NB 26 May 55, Minutes

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NB 27-28 May 55, Minutes

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X

NB 1-2 Sep 55, Minutes

X

X

NB 19-20 Jan 56, Minutes

X

X

NB 21 May 56, Agenda & Minutes

X

X

NB 22-24 May 56, Agenda & Minutes

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X

NB 23-24 Aug 56, Minutes

X

X

NB 5-6 Feb 57, Minutes

X

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NB 9 May 57, Minutes

X

X

NB 10-11 May 57, Minutes

X

X

NB 14-15 Nov 57, Minutes

X

X

Hopper Morse Blascovich

x	x	NEB 3 Mar 58, Minutes
x	x	NB 4-5 Mar 58, Minutes
x	x	NEB 4-6 Jul 58, Minutes
x	x	NEB 5-6 Aug 58, Minutes
x	x	NEB 8 Nov 58, Minutes
x	x	NEB 26 Apr 59, Minutes
x	x	NB 28-30 Apr 59, Agenda & Minutes
x	x	NEB 1-2 Nov 59, Agenda & Minutes
x		NEB 22-23 Apr 60, Minutes
x	x	NB 25-26 Apr 60, Minutes
x		NEC 15-16 Jul 60, Minutes
x	x	NB 15 Oct 60, Minutes
x		NEC 25 Feb 61, Minutes
x	x	NB 5-6 May 61, Minutes
x	x	NEC 25-26 Aug 61, Minutes
	x	NB 7-8 Sep 61, Minutes
x		NEC 1-2 Dec 61, Minutes
x		NEC 30-31 Mar 62, Minutes
x	x	NB 6-7 May 62, Minutes
x	x	NB 7-8 Sep 62, Minutes
x		NEC 8 Dec 62, Minutes
x		NEC 22-23 Mar 63, Minutes
x		NEC 6 Sep 63, Minutes
x		NB 11-12 Oct 63, Agenda & Minutes
x		NEC 6 Dec 63, Minutes
x		NEC 6-7 Mar 64, Minutes
x		NEC 10-11 Jul 64, Minutes
x		NB 29-31 Oct 64, Minutes
x		NEC 4-5 Dec 64, Minutes
x		NEC 5-6 Mar 65, Minutes
x		NEC 18-19 Jun 65, Minutes
x		NB 29-30 Oct 65, Minutes
x		NEC 3-4 Dec 65, Minutes
x		NEC 4-5 Mar 66, Minutes
x		NEC 27 May 66, Minutes
x		NB 27-29 Oct 66, Agenda & Minutes
x		NEC 2-3 Dec 66, Minutes
x		NEC 9-11 Mar 67, Minutes
x		NEC 1-3 Jun 67, Minutes
x		NEC 8 Sep 67, Minutes
x		NB 1-2 Nov 67, Minutes
x		NEC 1-2 Dec 67, Minutes
x		NEC 15-16 Mar 68, Minutes
x		NEC 23-24 May 68, Minutes
x		NEC 8-9 Aug 68, Minutes
x		NEC 17 Oct 68, Minutes
x		NB 17-18 Oct 68, Agenda & Minutes
x		NEC 12-14 Dec 68, Minutes
x		NEC 27-28 Mar 69, Minutes
x		NEC 6-7 Jun 79, Minutes
x		NEC 5-6 Sep 69, Minutes
x		NB 21-22 Nov 69, Minutes
x		NEC 5-6 Dec 69, Minutes

Hopper Morse Blascovich

X	NEC 21-22 Mar 70, Minutes
X	NEC 11-12 Jul 70, Minutes
X	NEC 22 Aug 70, Minutes
X	NB 9-10 Oct 70, Minutes
X	NEC 5 Dec 70, Minutes
X	NEC 20 Mar 71, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 5 Jun 71, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 14 Aug 71, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 24-25 Sep 71, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 4 Dec 71, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 18 Mar 72, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 3 Jun 72, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 29-30 Sep 72, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 2 Dec 72, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 24 Mar 73, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 2 Jun 73, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 12-13 Oct 73, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 1 Dec 73, Minutes
X	NEC 16 Mar 74, Minutes
X	NEC 1 Jun 74, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 10 Aug 74, Minutes
X	NB 20-21 Sep 74, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 14 Dec 74, Agenda
X	NEC 5 Mar 75, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 7 Jun 75, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 3-4 Oct 75, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 13 Dec 75, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 17 Mar 76, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 17 Mar 76, Minutes (Special Session)
X	NEC 5 Jun 76, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 17-18 Sep 76, Agenda
X	NEC 11 Dec 76, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 2 Mar 77, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 4 Jun 77, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 21-22 Oct 77, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 3 Dec 77, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 4 Mar 78, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 2-3 Jun 78, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 8-9 Sep 78, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 1-2 Dec 78, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 27-28 Apr 79, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 28-29 Sep 79, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 7-8 Dec 79, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 11-12 Apr 80, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 26-27 Sep 80, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 5-6 Dec 80, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 19-21 Mar 81, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 27 & 29 Aug 81, Minutes
X	NB 28-29 Aug 81, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 4-5 Dec 81, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 16-17 Apr 82, Agenda & Minutes
X	NB 13-14 Aug 82, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 3-4 Dec 82, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 7-9 Apr 83, Agenda & Minutes
X	NEC 11 & 13 Aug 83, Minutes
X	NB 12-13 Aug 83, Agenda

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15 Jan 84	X
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30 Apr 82	X
20 Oct 81	X
1 Oct 80	X
31 Dec 79	X
30 Sep 78	X
6 Jan 78	X
8 Jul 77	X
2 Feb 77	X
26 Jul 76	X
6 Mar 75	X
4 Dec 73	X
5 Dec 72	X
17 Mar 71	X
20 May 70	
22 Nov 68	X
19 Jan 68	

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ISSUE DATEON HAND

15 Jan 84	X
15 Jul 83	X
15 Jan 83	X
30 Apr 82	X
20 Oct 81	X
1 Oct 80	X
21 Dec 79	X
30 Sep 78	X
6 Jan 78	X
8 Jul 77	X
26 Jul 76	
6 Mar 75	X
9 May 73	X
3 Feb 72	X
17 Mar 71	X
19 Aug 70	

TENTATIVE AGENDA
HISTORICAL SEMINAR
CAP NATIONAL BOARD MEETING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
2-5 AUGUST 1984

TIME (Min)	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
15	Introduction to CAP History	Hopper
60	Historical Research & Writing	Ragsdale
30	World War II CAP Courier Service	Madsen
30	Historical Study of CAP Command	Morse
45	Wing History Program & Writing	Walker and Sub-Committee
30	Computer Based Historical Data Base Management	Miller
30	Summary & Discussion	Hopper



CIVIL AIR PATROL

Most people have heard of the Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. But it's likely very few people know that the nationwide organization was founded right here in New Jersey.

Before World War II, a prominent aviation writer returned home to New Jersey from a trip to Germany. The buildup of German air power so disturbed him that he went to the governor to suggest an organization utilizing civilian airplanes. With the governor's approval, the result was the New Jersey Civil Air Defense Services (CADS). Light planes were used, for example, to patrol the coast and as security for dams and pipelines.

Similar groups soon were formed around the country. But it's acknowledged that New Jersey's CADS was the model for the nationwide Civil Air Patrol (CAP), created December 1, 1941—just six days before the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Today there are nearly 1,500 CAP members in our state divided among 30 squadrons. Headquarters for the New Jersey wing is at McGuire Air Force Base. There are more than 64,000 members in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The main functions of the CAP are search and rescue missions, conducting a teenage cadet program and promoting aerospace programs.

Early in World War II, little CAP planes patrolled the coast looking for German submarines. CAP pilots located and directed rescuers to crews of tankers torpedoed by

the Germans.

At that time, there were only three coastal patrol bases along the East coast. One was in Atlantic City. It was from this base that the CAP made its first German submarine "kill."

This amazing exploit is detailed in Frank A. Burnham's book about the CAP, "Hero Next Door."

Two CAP officers were flying patrol in a Grumman Widgeon plane. A depth charge was rigged under each wing. A radio report came in about a submarine 25 miles off the coast.

When they reached the area, they searched the water for the shadow of the sub. Their depth charges were rigged to go off at periscope depth, so the sub had to be near the surface.

For four hours, with fuel running low, the plane doggedly stalked the sub. Finally, the sub neared the surface. The first depth charge was detonated. The sub's bow rose from the sea. A hit!

The second depth charge sounded the death knell for the German sub and its crew. The successful mission firmly established the effectiveness of the CAP "puddle jumper" pilots.

